

Topical Heading

Postsecondary Improvement

Program Title

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Comprehensive Program

Also Known as

FIPSE; Comprehensive Program

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.116

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)

A combination of nonprofit institutions, organizations, and other organizations or agencies also may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2007 application deadline: June 13, 2007 for # 84.116; May 31, 2007 for # 84.116J; April 30, 2007 for # 84.116M; April 17, 2007 for 84.116N. See the U.S. Department of Education's forecast of funding opportunities Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>, which is updated several times during the year, for details on these and other application deadlines.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2005 \$162,108,000

Fiscal Year 2006 \$21,989,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$21,989,000

Note: The FY 2005 amount under Appropriations includes \$144,700,000 for congressionally directed awards.

Fiscal Year 2007 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 56

Average New Award: \$153,000

Range of New Awards: \$150,000–\$2,500,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 96

Average Continuation Award: \$130,000

Range of Continuation Awards: \$68,000–\$205,000

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title VII, Part B; 20 U.S.C. 1138–1138d

Program Regulations

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Program Description

The program supports and disseminates innovative reform projects that promise to be models for improving the quality of postsecondary education and increasing student access. Under FIPSE, the U.S. Department of Education has the flexibility to establish specialized programs to address national needs. As such, in addition to making awards under the Comprehensive Program, in FY 2007, the U.S. Department of Education supports awards under the following specialized competitions: the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (#

84.116N), the EU-US Atlantis Program (# 84.116J), the Cooperation and Student Mobility in Higher Education Between the United States and Brazil program (# 84.116M), the U.S.-Russia Program, and the Student Outcomes in Higher Education.

Types of Projects

Awards are made in a number of areas including: postsecondary education access; retention and completion; student preparation for college; cost-effectiveness; curricula reform, foreign exchange, dual degrees, and others.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Subject Index

Demonstration Programs, Distance Education, Educational Improvement, Educational Innovation, Foreign Languages, Innovation, Postsecondary Education

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Links to Related Web Sites

www.ed.gov/programs/fipsecomp/index.html